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THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES, 1683 AND 1684.*

1683, Nov. 10. Journal of Virginia Assembly, list of members of House of Burgesses.

Henrico: Colonel William Byrd, Lieutenant-Colonel John Farrer.

Charles City: James Minge, James Bisse.

James City: Thomas Clayton.

James City Co.: Colonel Thomas Ballard, William Sherwood.

Surrey: Colonel William Brown, Major Arthur Allen.

Isle of Wight: Colonel Arthur Smith, Captain James Powell.

Nancimond: Colonel James [John?] Lear, John Brashear.

Lower Norfolk: Colonel Lemuel Mason, Malachi Thurston.

Elizabeth City: Captain Anthony Armistead, Baldwin Shepherd.

Warwick: Captain John Langhorne, Captain Miles Cary.

York: Henry Jenkins, Thomas Barber.

New Kent: Colonel John West, Charles Turner.

Gloucester: John Buckner, Major Henry Whiting,

Middlesex: Christopher Robinson, Abraham Weekes.

Rappahamock[nn]: Colonel John Stone, Henry Aubrey.

Lancaster: Captain William Ball, Major Edward Dale.

Northumberland: Colonel Thomas Brereton, William Presly.

Westmoreland: Lieutenant-Colonel Isaac Allerton, William Hardridge.

Stafford: William Fitzhugh.

Accomack: Colonel Daniel Janifer, Edward Reuel [Revel.]

Northampton: Colonel William Kendal, Thomas Hunt.

The burgesses being summoned to the Court House, the Lieutenant-Governor made them a speech, recommending them, in view of the fact that Lord Culpeper was not arrived, to confine themselves to the discharge of public liabilities. The burgesses being returned, presented Thomas Ballard as their

*The list of Burgesses here given are not included in "The Colonial Virginia Register."

speaker, who was accepted. Councillors appointed to administer the oath to the burgesses.

Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1681-1685. Preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. Edited by the Hon. J. W. Fortescue. London: 1898, Pp. 541-542.

1684, April 16. Journal of Assembly of Virginia. Orders of public charge and levy to the sum of 702,432 lbs. of tobacco.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Henrico County: Colonel John Farrar, Captain William Randolph.

Charles City County: Colonel Edward Hill, James Minge.

James City County: Colonel Thomas Ballard, William Sherwood.

James City: Henry Hartwell.

Surrey County: Major Arthur Allen.

Isle of Wight County: Joseph Woory, Captain Henry Ap-plethwaite.

Nancymond County: John Brassear, Major Barnard Kearne.

Warwick County: Captain John Matthews, Captain Miles Cary.

York County: Captain Francis Page, Joseph King [Ring.]

Gloucester County: Major Henry Whiting, Captain Thomas Pate.

Stafford County: Colonel George Mason, William Fitzhugh.

Accomack County: Major Charles Scarborough, Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Jenifer.

Northampton County: Colonel William Kendall, John Custis.

His Excellency being indisposed, the House adjourned at his request till the morrow afternoon.

April 17. His Excellency bade the House choose its Speaker, and it chose Colonel Ballard, who was approved by the Governor. Committee appointed to examine returns of writs and elections. The House in a body accompanied the Speaker to Church, and on its return passed a vote of thanks to the preacher. Two Members of Council brought down the Governor's Commission and administered the oaths. Address to the Gov-

ernor for a new writ for Northampton, Mr. John Custis having been sheriff when elected. Edward Rosse chosen as drummer to the General Court and Assembly.

April 18. Resolved to ask the Governor for a copy of his speech; that the Clerks of the Committee shall give assistance to the Clerk of Assembly; and that sheriffs who have not made due return of the writs be prosecuted. The Address to the Governor for a copy of his speech; His Excellency complied with its request. Appointment of Robert Bradley to be a Clerk of Committee on submitting to a sharp reproof for previous misconduct. John Custis fined 2,000 lbs. of tobacco for making an improper return as Sheriff. The bills concerning escheats and compositions, which were passed last Assembly, ordered to be examined and redrawn. The Governor sent down his speech, and received the thanks of the House for it.

April 19. Committees appointed to examine the Governor's Commission and the records, for propositions and grievances, for private causes, for examination of public claims and debts, for examination of certificates, for apprehending runaway slaves. Order for a congratulatory address to the King on his escape from the Popish plot. The list of Committees reported to the Governor. Address for Councillors to be added to that for public claims. His Excellency summoned the House and made a speech, saying that he was sorry to see such obstructions at the beginning of the Assembly, as were shown by the request for Councillors to be added to the Committees. The King had ordered, and Lord Culpeper had already announced, that there were to be no appeals from the General Court to the Assembly. Finally, he desired the Assembly to proceed to business. Address thanking the Governor, and asking as to his further instructions from the King; mentioning, also, that the House was unaware of the King's declaration as to appeals, and that Lord Culpeper did not, to their knowledge, enforce it, but rather the contrary; and praying for a sight of the former and present instructions. Order for no member to leave James City without the Speaker's permission.

Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1861-1865. By the Hon. J. W. Fortescue. London : 1898. Pp. 618-620.